

# Solar America Cities 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

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# Austin, Texas

2003 Population: 681,437

16th Largest City in United States

2003 MSA Population: 1,377,633

47.7% change: 1990-2000

City owned Electric Utility  
360,000 customers  
10th Largest Municipal

Forbes Top 10 for Business  
(May 24, 2004)



# Austin Climate Protection Plan

Adopted February 13, 2007

- ◆ Municipal Plan
- ◆ Utility Plan
- ◆ **Homes and Buildings Plan**
- ◆ Community Plan
- ◆ "Go Neutral" Plan

# Homes and Buildings Plan

- ◆ New Single Family Homes - zero net-energy capable by 2015
- ◆ Increase Energy Efficiency by 75% in **ALL** commercial new construction by 2015
- ◆ Enhance Green Building Program, develop '*Carbon Neutral*' certification
- ◆ Disclosure of historic energy uses and facilitate energy improvements at point of sale

# Zero Net Energy Capable Home



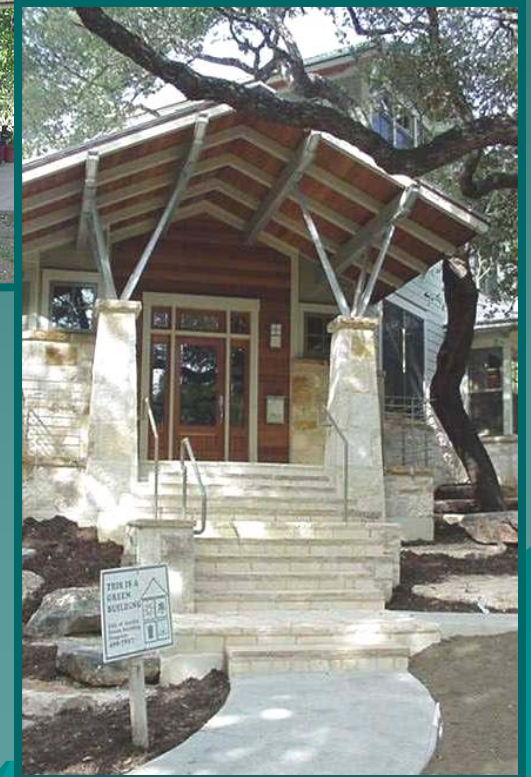
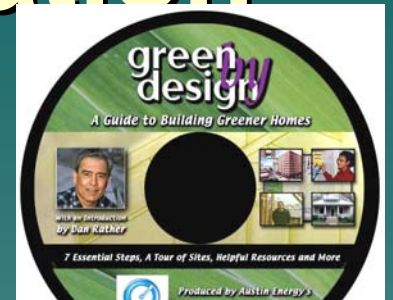


# Increase Energy Efficiency by 75% by 2015



# Green Building Carbon Neutral Certification

- ◆ Over 4,500 single-family homes rated
- ◆ Over 5,000 multi-family units rated
- ◆ GBP rating required for **all** affordable housing
- ◆ ***Green by Design*** workshops for homeowners



# Point of Sale Task Force

- ◆ Task force is made up of stake holders
- ◆ Real Estate Industry is skeptical
  - Delay Closings
  - Affect Real Estate Prices
  - Affect Agents Pay
- ◆ Disclosure of historic energy usage
  - Privacy Legislation



# Questions